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secretary to the newly-appointed Director Richard Stainer.

9. The president of RBD Greifswald, (fnu) Meisel, is to be retired on 1 May 1952. Chief contender for the position open by this retirement is (fnu) Pforte, vice-president of RBD Halle.
10. Eberhard Frickler, department head in RBD Berlin, has been named vice-president of RBD Erfurt. Frickler has a reputation among his colleagues for denouncing those of his co-workers with divergent political views.
11. In a drive for the collection of scarce non-ferrous metals in the DDR, the Reichsbahn has undertaken the project of replacing all brass hardware on S-Bahn coaches with cheaper metals and other substitute materials. The work is presently going on in S-Bahn maintenance and repair shops. Brass window frames, catches, door handles and grips are being replaced.
12. The LOKA plant in Cottbus is partly engaged in building rail hospital coaches. Other LOKA factories have large areas for building SS-type heavy flatcars.

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